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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002 concerning the above-referenced patent application. By the attached petition for an extension of time and check for the requisite fee, applicants have extended the time for responding until June 17, 2003.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as shown below.